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FOR ASST. SECRETARY MOOSE AND AMB. YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG MASS US SF UN

SUBJECT: ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE: SALE OF US ARMS TO
SOUTH AFRICA

1. DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CIA AND DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE, CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE REVIEW OF GERVASI ALLE-
GATIONS. THEY WERE FOUND TENDENTIOUS AND MISLEADING. MR.
WM. LEWIS OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, IN TWO APPEARANCES
BEFORE DIGGS SUBCOMMITTEE, PRESENTED REFUTATIONS OF GERVASI
ALLEGATIONS THAT USG HAD ENGAGED IN CLANDESTINE EFFORT TO
SUPPLY ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THIRD
PARTIES.

2. GERVASI TESTIMONY IS TOTALLY INCOMPETENT. HE MISIDENTI-
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FIES ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, MANUFACTURERS AND QUANTITIES HELD
IN SOUTH AFRICAN INVENTORY. FOR EXAMPLE, FMC IS ERRONEOUSLY
LABELED AS FORD MOTOR COMPANY. HE ALSO COMPLETELY CONFUSES
CLASSES AND TYPES OF ARMORED CARS. FINALLY, GERVASI MIS-
TAKENLY IDENTIFIES SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT HOLDINGS AS WEST
GERMAN 104-G. CLOSE CHECK INDICATES THAT NO SUCH AIRCRAFT

ARE IN SOUTH AFRICAN INVENTORY.

3. GERVASI, DURING HIS APPEARANCE, REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF HIS INFORMATION. WHEN PRESSED, HE INDICATED THAT RESPONSIBILITY REPOSES WITH USG TO DEMONSTRATE VERACITY OF HIS CHARGES. IN BRIEF, GERVASI HAS ENGAGED IN

IN ATTACKS WHICH ARE TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.

4. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FULL TEXT OF TESTIMONY INCLUDED IN WIRELESS FILE SENT OUT BETWEEN JULY 22 AND 25.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY NIACT IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED. CHRISTOPHER

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